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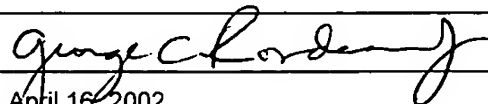
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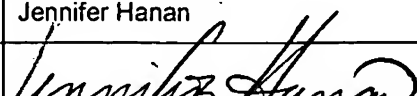
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 through 1.98, applicant wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office the references set forth on the attached Form PTO-1449 (copies of the cited references are enclosed). These documents were cited in corresponding application PCT/EP00/05273.

Reference AJ (SU 1204193 A) on the attached Form PTO-1449, is written in Russian. Accordingly, the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the corresponding English-language summary and an English-language abstract submitted with the foreign publication. Applicant respectfully submits that the English-language abstract and summary provides an explanation to the reference's relevance.

Reference AK (SU 1718837 A1) on the attached Form PTO-1449, is written in Russian. Accordingly, the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the corresponding English-language summary submitted with the foreign publication. Examiner's attention is also respectfully directed to the English-language abstract located on the last page of the foreign

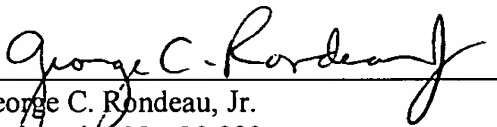
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Reference AP (DE 2637119 A1) on the attached Form PTO-1449, is written in German. Accordingly, a corresponding English language abstract is submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully submit that the English Abstract provides an explanation to the reference's relevance.

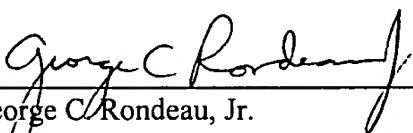
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